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ABSTRACT

This U.S. House of Representatives bill (H.R. 2231), to be cited, if enacted, as the Comprehensive Veterans Readjustment Assistance Act of 1977, would amend title 38, United States Code, to provide counseling for certain veterans; to permit acceleration of monthly educational assistance payments to eligible veterans and dependents; to revise the criteria for nonaccredited courses; to provide alternative financial and educational assistance to peacetime post-Korean veterans affected by the expiration of their delimiting period; to provide for conditional extension of the delimiting period for certain Vietnam era veterans; to provide for the development of additional educational, employment, and readjustment assistance programs for veterans; to provide for the correction and preclusion of, and protection against, abuses and misuse of veterans' benefits; and to otherwise enhance and improve the effectiveness, integrity, and utilization of veterans readjustment assistance programs. There are six titles included: Title I, Educational Assistance Program Amendments; title II, War Orphans' and Widows' Educational Assistance Program Amendments; title III, Administration of Educational Benefits; title IV, Miscellaneous Veterans Program Amendments; title V, Employment and Training of Disabled and Vietnam-Era Veterans; and title VI, Veterans' Administration: Miscellaneous Amendments. (WL)

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Mr. WOLFF introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

A BILL

To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide counseling for certain veterans; to permit acceleration of monthly educational assistance payments to eligible veterans and dependents; to revise the criteria for nonaccredited courses; to provide alternative financial and educational assistance to peacetime post-Korean veterans affected by the expiration of their delimiting period; to provide for a conditional extension of the delimiting period for certain Vietnam era veterans; to provide for the development of additional educational, employment, and readjustment assistance programs for veterans; to provide for the correction and preclusion of,

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and protection against, abuses and misuse of veterans benefits; and to otherwise enhance and improve the effectiveness, integrity, and utilization of veterans readjustment assistance programs.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 *That this Act may be cited as the "Comprehensive Veterans*
4 *Readjustment Assistance Act of 1977".*

5 TITLE I—EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
6 AMENDMENTS

7 SEC. 101. Section 1651 of title 38, United States Code,
8 is amended to read as follows:

9 “§ 1651. Purpose

10 "The Congress of the United States hereby declares
11 that the education program created under this chapter is for
12 the purpose of (1) extending the benefits of a higher edu-
13 cation to qualified and deserving persons who might not
14 otherwise be able to afford such an education, (2) providing
15 vocational readjustment and restoring lost educational oppor-
16 tunities to those service men and women whose careers have
17 been interrupted or impeded by reason of active duty during
18 a period of armed conflict, and (3) aiding such persons in
19 attaining the vocational and educational status to which they
20 might normally have aspired and obtained had they not
21 served their country. The Congress further declares that

1 the program for accelerating educational assistance allowance
2 payments provided for under section 1682A is designed to
3 insure the maximum effective utilization by needy and de-
4 serving veterans of their earned educational entitlement. The
5 Congress further declares that it is the purpose of this chap-
6 ter to facilitate the effective readjustment of veterans, to
7 prevent abuses of the veterans' educational assistance pro-
8 gram, and to preclude the use of such program for income
9 supplementation."

10 SEC. 102. (a) Section 1652 (a) (1) of title 38, United
11 States Code, is amended to read as follows:

12 "(a) (1) The term 'eligible veteran' means any veteran
13 who (A) served on active duty for a period of more than
14 one hundred and eighty days any part of which occurred
15 after August 4, 1964, and before January 1, 1977, and
16 who was discharged or released therefrom under conditions
17 other than dishonorable, or (B) was discharged or released
18 from active duty, any part of which was performed after
19 August 4, 1964, and before January 1, 1977, because of a
20 service-connected disability."

21 (b) Section 1652 of such title is further amended by
22 redesignating paragraphs (b) through (e) as paragraphs
23 (c) through (f) respectively, and by adding after para-
24 graph (a) a new paragraph (b) as follows:

1 “(b) The term ‘eligible peacetime post-Korean veteran’
2 means any veteran who (1) served on active duty for a
3 period of more than one hundred and eighty days any part
4 of which occurred after January 31, 1955, and before Au-
5 gust 5, 1964, and who was discharged or released therefrom
6 under conditions other than dishonorable, or (2) was dis-
7 charged or released from active duty, any part of which
8 was performed after January 31, 1955, and before Au-
9 gust 5, 1964, because of a service-connected disability.”.

10 SEC. 103. (a) Subsection (a) (1) of section 1661 of
11 title 38, United States Code, is amended by striking out the
12 parenthetical “(or the equivalent thereof in part-time edu-
13 cational assistance)” each time it appears therein and by
14 inserting in lieu thereof a new parenthetical to read as fol-
15 lows: “(or the equivalent thereof in part-time or accelerated
16 educational assistance)”.

17 (b) Section 1661 of title 38, United States Code, is
18 amended—

19 (1) by amending subsection (a) (2) thereof to
20 read as follows:

21 “(2) Where authorized, eligible peacetime post-Korean
22 veterans shall be accorded such benefits, services, and as-
23 sistance that are deemed necessary and appropriate by the
24 Administrator for the completion of their initial program of
25 education and training.”.

1 (2) by amending subsection (c) thereof to read as
2 follows:

3 “(c) Except as provided in subsection (b) and in sub-
4 chapters V and VI of this chapter, no eligible veteran shall
5 receive educational assistance under this chapter in excess of
6 forty-five months.”.

7 SEC. 104. (a) Subsection (a) of section 1662 of title
8 38, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

9 “(a) No educational assistance shall be afforded an
10 eligible veteran under this chapter beyond the date ten years
11 after his last discharge or release from active duty except as
12 provided in subsection (f) of this section.”.

13 (b) Subsection (b) of such section is amended by in-
14 serting “or eligible peacetime post-Korean veteran” after
15 “any eligible veteran”.

16 (c) Section 1662 of such title is further amended by
17 adding at the end thereof the following new subsection:

18 “(e) In no event shall educational assistance be af-
19 farded to any eligible veteran under this chapter or chapter
20 36 after December 31, 1988.

21 “(f) (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection
22 (a), the Administrator may authorize an extension of the
23 ten-year delimiting period in the case of any eligible veteran
24 or eligible peacetime post-Korean veteran if—

25 “(A) such veteran demonstrates that he or she

1 could not reasonably initiate or complete a program of
2 education within the ten-year delimiting period;

3 “(B) an extension of the delimiting period is nec-
4 essary to enable such veteran to initiate or complete
5 such veteran’s program of education; and

6 “(C) such veteran is enrolled in a program of edu-
7 cational instruction that will provide vocational read-
8 justment and restore lost educational opportunities or
9 aid such veteran in attaining the vocational and educa-
10 tional status to which such veteran might normally
11 have aspired and obtained had such veteran not served
12 such veteran’s country.

13 “(2) Under no circumstance may the extension of the
14 delimiting period exceed the time required to complete the
15 veteran’s program of education or two years after enactment
16 of this provision, whichever is the lesser period of time.”.

17 SEC. 105. Section 1663 of title 38, United States Code,
18 is amended to read as follows:

19 **“§ 1663. Educational and vocational counseling**

20 “(a) The Administrator may arrange for educational,
21 vocational, and personal adjustment counseling for veterans
22 eligible for educational assistance under this chapter. At such
23 intervals as the Administrator deems necessary, the Admin-
24 istrator shall make available information respecting the need
25 for general education and for trained personnel in the various

1 services, crafts, trades, and professions. Facilities of other
2 Federal agencies collecting such information shall be utilized
3 to the extent the Administrator deems necessary and
4 appropriate.

5 “(b) Counseling provided under this section may
6 include, but shall not be limited to, assisting any veteran—

7 “(1) to select the occupation or training objective
8 suitable to such veteran in terms of such veteran’s per-
9 sonal circumstances, characteristics, financial resources,
10 dependent responsibilities, and other relevant factors;

11 “(2) to select the occupation or training objective
12 which will provide such veteran, after such veteran has
13 developed the required skills, with reasonable opportuni-
14 ties for employment and job satisfaction;

15 “(3) to select the educational institution that will
16 effectively assist such veteran in attaining such veteran’s
17 educational or vocational objective;

18 “(4) to develop a program of education that will
19 lead to a recognized and predetermined educational,
20 vocational, technical, or professional objective within
21 the veteran’s period of entitlement; and

22 “(5) by providing to such veteran such other serv-
23 ices, assistance, or readjustment professional counseling
24 as the Administrator deems necessary or appropriate for
25 such veteran’s effective readjustment:”.

1 SEC. 106. Section 1670 of title 38, United States Code,
2 is amended to read as follows:

3 **“§ 1670. Selection of program**

4 “Subject to the provisions of this chapter, each eligible
5 veteran may select a program of education to assist such
6 veteran in attaining an educational, professional, or voca-
7 tional objective at any educational institution (approved in
8 accordance with chapter 36 of this title) selected by such
9 veteran, which will accept and retain such veteran as a stu-
10 dent or trainee in any field or branch of knowledge which
11 such institution finds such veteran qualified to undertake or
12 pursue. Such program of education shall be for the purposes
13 set forth in section 1651 of this chapter. The Administrator
14 shall take such measures as may be necessary to insure that
15 the educational assistance program provided for under this
16 chapter and chapter 36 is not used for the purpose of income
17 supplementation, unemployment compensation, or adjusted
18 compensation.”.

19 SEC. 107. Section 1671 of title 38, United States Code,
20 is amended to read as follows:

21 **“§ 1671. Applications; approval**

22 “Any eligible veteran, or any person on active duty
23 (after consultation with the appropriate education officer),
24 who desires to initiate a program of education under this
25 chapter shall submit an application to the Administrator

1 which shall be in such form and contain such information
2 as the Administrator shall prescribe. The Administrator
3 shall approve such application unless he finds that such
4 veteran or person is not eligible for or entitled to the educa-
5 tional assistance applied for, or that such veteran's or per-
6 son's previous utilization of veterans' educational assistance
7 indicates willful and persistent misconduct that resulted in
8 overpayments, intentional violations of the laws, regulations,
9 directives, or standards of progress governing eligibility for
10 and pursuit of a program of education under this chapter, or
11 that such veteran's or person's program of education fails
12 to meet any requirement of this chapter, or that such veteran
13 or person is already qualified. The Administrator shall notify
14 the veteran or person in writing of the approval or reasons
15 for disapproval of such veteran's or person's application.”.

16 SEC. 108. Section 1673 of title 38, United States Code,
17 is amended as follows:

18 (1) Clauses (2) and (3) of subsection (a) are
19 amended to read as follows:

20 “(2) any sales or sales management course which
21 does not provide specialized training within a specific
22 vocational field, or in any other course with a vocational
23 objective, unless the eligible veteran or the institution
24 offering such course submits justification showing that
25 at least one-half of the persons who completed such

1 course over the preceding two-year period, and who
2 are not unavailable for employment, have been employed
3 in the occupational category for which the course was
4 designed to provide training, and that at least one-half
5 of the persons who enrolled in such course successfully
6 completed their program of instruction (but in comput-
7 ing the number of persons who were employed upon
8 completion of such course over any such two-year pe-
9 riod, there shall not be included the number of such
10 persons who completed such course with assistance
11 under this title and who have continued to serve on
12 active duty after completing such course) ; or

13 “(3) any type of course which the Administrator
14 finds to be avocational or recreational in character or
15 which has been significantly used for the purposes of in-
16 come supplementation rather than for readjustment as-
17 sistance (or the advertising for which the Administrator
18 finds contains significant avocational, recreational, or in-
19 come supplementational themes) unless the veteran sub-
20 mits justification showing that the course will be of bona
21 fide use in the pursuit of his present or contemplated
22 business, occupation, or career.”.

23 SEC. 109. Section 1674 of title 38, United States Code,
24 is amended to read as follows:

1 **“§ 1674. Discontinuance for unsatisfactory conduct or**
2 **progress**

3 “(a) The Administrator shall discontinue the educational
4 assistance of an eligible veteran, if at any time, the Admin-
5 istrator finds that according to the regularly prescribed stand-
6 ards and practices of the educational institution such vet-
7 eran’s conduct or progress is unsatisfactory; or that after
8 consultation with the educational institution, the appropriate
9 accrediting agency, or State approving agency, the Admin-
10 istrator finds that the institution’s standards of progress or
11 practices are in violation of the provisions or purposes of this
12 chapter or chapter 36. The Administrator may renew the
13 payment of the educational assistance allowance only if he
14 finds that—

15 “(1) the cause of the unsatisfactory conduct or
16 progress of the eligible veteran has been removed or
17 the institution’s standards or practices are no longer in
18 violation of the provisions or purposes of this chapter;
19 and

20 “(2) the program which the eligible veteran now
21 proposes to pursue (whether the same or revised) is
22 suitable to his aptitudes, interests, abilities, and read-
23 justment needs.

24 “(b) If the Administrator finds that any institution is

1 not in compliance with the provisions of this chapter or
 2 chapter 36 and that eligible veterans enrolled at such institu-
 3 tion are not at fault for such institution's noncompliance,
 4 the Administrator may continue payments to such veterans
 5 until the institution is in compliance with the appropriate
 6 provisions of this chapter and chapter 36. In the event that
 7 educational assistance to an institution or for a specific pro-
 8 gram of education is to be discontinued, eligible veterans
 9 not at fault shall be given thirty days' notice and the right
 10 to appeal the discontinuance of their educational assistance
 11 benefits. The Administrator shall assist such persons in
 12 finding alternative programs of education and readjustment
 13 assistance.

14 “(c) The Administrator may discontinue payments of
 15 educational assistance allowance for any grade or measure-
 16 ment of progress (including, but not limited to, ‘withdrawal’,
 17 ‘no credit’, ‘failure’, or ‘audit’) which is not used in com-
 18 puting grade or progress requirements necessary for gradua-
 19 tion or successful completion of a program of education.”.

20 SEC. 110. (a) Chapter 34 of title 38, United States
 21 Code, is amended by inserting immediately after section
 22 1682 the following new section:

23 “§ 1682A. Acceleration of educational assistance allowance
 24 payments

25 “(a) The Congress finds that the accessibility of re-

1 adjustment assistance under this chapter is a function not only
2 of an eligible person's military service but also of his State of
3 residence and that the effectiveness of the educational assist-
4 ance allowance under this chapter is directly related to the
5 availability of low cost readily accessible public institutions;
6 and that equal military service does not provide equal re-
7 adjustment opportunities with respect to State of residence,
8 program of instruction sought, or need for readjustment assist-
9 ance. The purpose of this section is to provide the maximum
10 accessibility and effectiveness of readjustment assistance to
11 needy and deserving veterans within the parameters of their
12 existing entitlement through the acceleration of educational
13 assistance allowance payments.

14 " (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chap-
15 ter, chapter 35, or chapter 36, an eligible veteran or an eli-
16 gible person under chapter 35 of this title pursuing a full time
17 program of institutional training under the provisions of this
18 chapter or chapter 35 may apply to the Administrator to have
19 his or her monthly educational assistance allowance payments
20 accelerated and have his or her entitlement charged propor-
21 tionally.

22 " (c) The application of the eligible veteran or eligible
23 person for acceleration of educational assistance allowance
24 payments under this section shall include the following
25 information:

1 “(1) the income of the eligible veteran or person
2 (including that of his or her spouse) less any Federal,
3 State, and local income taxes paid or payable for the
4 academic year (or comparable period of enrollment) in
5 which the veteran is enrolled;

6 “(2) the amount of cash assets of the eligible vet-
7 eran or person;

8 “(3) the amount of financial assistance received by
9 the eligible veteran or person under the provisions of
10 title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as
11 amended;

12 “(4) the amount of educational assistance avail-
13 able to the eligible veteran or person under this title (in-
14 cluding loan assistance received under subchapter III of
15 chapter 36 of this title) ;

16 “(5) the amount of any other scholarships, fellow-
17 ships, or grants available to or loans received by the
18 eligible veteran or person;

19 “(6) the amount of tuition and other educational ex-
20 penses (including but not limited to fees, supplies, and
21 books) expected to be paid by the eligible veteran or
22 person for the academic year (or other comparable
23 period of enrollment) in which enrolled;

24 “(7) the amount of living expenses (including ex-
25 penses for dependents, debts, and other outstanding

1 financial obligations) owed or to be incurred by the
2 eligible veteran or person during the academic year (or
3 other comparable period of enrollment) in which
4 enrolled; and

5 “(8) such other information as the Administrator
6 deems necessary and appropriate.

7 “(d) Approval of the application shall be granted only
8 if, after counseling provided under section 1663 or 1720,
9 the eligible veteran or person demonstrates the need for the
10 acceleration of educational assistance allowance payments
11 (based upon the information submitted pursuant to subsec-
12 tion (c) and the criteria set forth in this subsection) and
13 the Administrator determines that the eligible veteran or
14 person will attain his or her predetermined and identified
15 educational, professional, technical, or vocational objective
16 within his or her entitlement period. In no event shall the
17 monthly assistance allowance payable to an eligible veteran
18 under this section be increased by more than twice the
19 amount such person would otherwise be entitled to receive
20 while pursuing a full-time program of education. The follow-
21 ing criteria shall serve as guidelines to the Administrator for
22 determining need for receipt of accelerated educational as-
23 sistance allowance payments under this section:

24 “(1) the amount which an eligible veteran or per-
25 son will normally be entitled to receive under a program

1 of accelerated entitlement shall be the additional entitle-
2 ment necessary to cover the cost of educational expenses
3 (tuition, books, fees, and supplies) for the eligible
4 veteran's or person's program of education, and to pro-
5 vide such veteran or person with a basic subsistence al-
6 lowance equal to that which he or she would normally
7 be entitled to receive under this chapter or chapter 35,
8 as appropriate, if pursuing a full-time program of edu-
9 cation;

10 “(2) normally an eligible veteran's or person's
11 (and dependents') combined available monthly assets
12 for the academic year (or comparable period) during
13 which a program of accelerated entitlement is pursued
14 (as specified in subsection (c) of this section) may not
15 exceed (after educational expenses are deducted) a total
16 of \$350 for a veteran or person with no dependents,
17 \$500 for a veteran or person with one dependent, \$600
18 for a veteran or person with two dependents, plus an ad-
19 ditional \$50 for each additional dependent. The Ad-
20 ministrator is authorized to make adjustments in such
21 income guidelines to compensate for individual circum-
22 stances, inflation, or for other reasons the Administrator
23 deems necessary and appropriate;

24 “(3) eligible veterans or persons with ready access
25 to low-cost programs of instruction providing effective

1 readjustment assistance shall not, except in cases of
2 unusual hardship, be entitled to pursue a program of
3 accelerated entitlement;

4 “(4) eligible veterans or persons who are effectively
5 pursuing programs of education under this chapter or
6 chapter 35 shall not be entitled to pursue a program of
7 accelerated entitlement unless it is deemed necessary
8 and appropriate to the successful pursuit and completion
9 of such veteran's or person's program of education on
10 such veteran or person requires a change in his or her
11 program of education to insure his or her effective re-
12 adjustment and pursuit of an educational, vocational, or
13 professional objective;

14 “(5) eligible veterans or persons who can effec-
15 tively pursue the readjustment program of their choice
16 under this chapter or chapter 35, as appropriate, while
17 productively employed shall not be permitted to termi-
18 nate their employment to pursue a program of accel-
19 erated entitlement unless it is deemed necessary and
20 appropriate to insure their successful readjustment or
21 successful completion of their program of education; and

22 “(6) the following categories of eligible veterans
23 and persons shall be considered by the Administrator to
24 be most likely to need, and be permitted to pursue, a

1 program of acceleration of educational assistance allow-
2 ance payments:

3 “(A) eligible veterans and persons in States
4 with high-cost public education,

5 “(B) eligible veterans and persons requiring
6 trade, technical, vocational, or professional training
7 in areas without low-cost public institutions offering
8 the necessary training and skills,

9 “(C) eligible veterans and persons with two or
10 more dependents,

11 “(D) eligible veterans discharged or released
12 from active duty prior to 1972, and particularly
13 those whose ability to complete an education and
14 training objective under the provisions of this chap-
15 ter or chapter 35, as appropriate, would be pre-
16 cluded by the expiration of their delimiting period,

17 “(E) eligible veterans and persons who are
18 unemployed or underemployed,

19 “(F) eligible veterans and persons pursuing
20 programs of education, but not in institutions of
21 higher learning, requiring twenty-two hours or
22 more of classroom attendance per week to qualify
23 for full-time benefits as prescribed under section
24 1788 of chapter 36 of this title,

1 “(G) eligible veterans and persons in graduate
2 programs, or pursuing programs of education at
3 private institutions of higher learning,

4 “(H) eligible veterans and persons who are
5 educationally disadvantaged,

6 “(I) seriously disabled non-service-connected
7 veterans and seriously disabled eligible persons,

8 “(J) eligible persons whose personal circum-
9 stances, aptitudes, abilities, and whose readjust-
10 ment needs would be better served by a program
11 of accelerated entitlement, and

12 “(K) such other eligible veterans and persons
13 as the Administrator deems appropriate.

14 “(e) The Administrator shall provide an eligible vet-
15 eran or person with such vocational, educational, or read-
16 justment professional counseling as may be necessary to in-
17 sure that such veteran or person will complete his or her
18 predetermined readjustment objective under a program or
19 accelerated entitlement.

20 “(f) The Administrator shall prescribe such guidelines
21 and standards as he deems necessary and appropriate for
22 the effective implementation of this section and preclusion
23 of abuses of the benefits provided by this section.

1 “(g) The Administrator may discontinue the educa-
2 tional assistance allowance of any eligible person receiving
3 accelerated payments under this section if the Administra-
4 tor finds that the program of education in which the eligible
5 veteran or person is enrolled fails to meet any of the appro-
6 priate requirements of this chapter or chapters 35 and 36
7 of this title, or if the Administrator finds that the educa-
8 tional institution offering such program of education has
9 violated any provision of this chapter or chapters 35 and
10 36 of this title.

11 “(h) The records and accounts of educational insti-
12 tutions pertaining to eligible veterans and persons who have
13 received or are receiving educational assistance under the
14 provisions of this section shall be available for examination
15 by duly authorized representatives of the Administrator.

16 “(i) Whenever the Administrator, the appropriate ac-
17 crediting agency, or the State approving agency finds that
18 an educational institution has willfully submitted a false or
19 misleading claim, or that an eligible veteran or person,
20 with the complicity of an educational institution, has sub-
21 mitted such a claim, the Administrator shall make a complete
22 report of the facts of the case to the appropriate agencies
23 and, when deemed advisable by the Administrator, to the
24 Attorney General of the United States for appropriate
25 action.”.

1 (b) The table of sections at the beginning of chapter
2 34 of such title is amended by inserting after

"1682. Computation of educational assistance allowances."

3 the following:

"1682A. Acceleration of educational assistance allowance payments."

4 (c) The amendments made by subsections (a) and
5 (b) shall become effective on October 1, 1977. An eligible
6 veteran or person must apply for acceleration of his or her
7 educational assistance allowance payments under the provi-
8 sion of section 1682A of title 38, United States Code, within
9 eighteen months after the effective date of such section. No
10 educational assistance under such section shall be afforded an
11 eligible veteran or person beyond the date five years after
12 such person initiates a program of education under such
13 section.

14 SEC. 111. The first sentence of subsection (b) of section
15 1685 of title 38, United States Code, is amended by inserting
16 "of eligible peacetime post-Korean veterans who are pursuing
17 full-time programs of education or training and the services"
18 after "the services".

19 SEC. 112. Section 1686 of title 38, United States Code,
20 is amended to read as follows:

21 **"§1686. Education loans**

22 "Any eligible veteran, eligible peacetime post-Korean
23 veteran, and eligible person shall be entitled to an education

1 loan (if the program of education is pursued in a State) in
2 such amount and on such terms and conditions as provided in
3 section 1798 and 1799 of this title.”.

4 **TITLE II—WAR ORPHANS’ AND WIDOWS’ EDUCA-**
5 **TIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AMENDMENTS**

6 **SEC. 201.** Clause (1) of subsection (5) of section 1712
7 of title 38, United States Code, is amended to read as
8 follows:

9 “(1) The date on which the Administrator first
10 finds the spouse from whom eligibility is derived has
11 a service-connected total disability permanent in nature
12 or the date on which the spouse from whom eligibility
13 is derived was married to the eligible person, which-
14 ever is later, or”.

15 **SEC. 202.** Section 1732 of title 38, United States Code,
16 is amended by adding at the end thereof a new subsection,
17 as follows:

18 “(e) Under such regulations as the Administrator shall
19 prescribe, an eligible person may pursue a program of in-
20 struction under the provisions of section 1682A of this title.”.

21 **TITLE III—ADMINISTRATION OF EDUCATIONAL**
22 **BENEFITS**

23 **SEC. 301.** Subsection (a) of section 1772 of title 38,
24 United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

25 “(a) An eligible person or veteran shall receive the

1 benefits of this chapter and chapters 34 and 35 while enrolled
2 in a course of education offered by an educational institution
3 only if (1) such course is approved as provided in this
4 chapter and chapters 34 and 35 by the State approving
5 agency for the State where such educational institution is
6 located, or by the State approving agency for the State
7 where such educational institution has a branch or extension
8 of such institution or program of instruction, or by the
9 Administrator, (2) such course is approved (A) for the
10 enrollment of the particular individual under section 1736
11 of this title or (B) for special restorative training under
12 subchapter V of chapter 35 of this title. Approval of courses
13 by State approving agencies shall be in accordance with
14 the provisions of this chapter and chapters 34 and 35 and
15 such other regulations and policies as the State approving
16 agency may adopt. Each State approving agency shall furnish
17 the Administrator with a current list of educational institu-
18 tions approved or which claim to be approved for purposes
19 of this chapter or chapter 34 or 35 of this title within such
20 State, specifying the institutions and specific courses it has
21 approved and, in addition to such list, it shall also furnish
22 any information regarding institutions, branches, or exten-
23 sions thereof, programs, individuals, corporations, or other
24 entities or services operating on a public and proprietary
25 basis affecting this chapter or chapters 34 and 35 of this

1 title, and such other information the Administrator may
2 determine to be necessary and appropriate to carry out the
3 purpose and preclude abuses of this chapter and chapters
4 34 and 35 of this title. Each State approving agency shall
5 notify the Administrator of the disapproval of any course
6 previously approved and shall set forth the reasons for such
7 disapproval. Each State approving agency shall notify the
8 Administrator of any education or training institution (or
9 branch or extension thereof) which offers a program of educa-
10 tion and has been cited for, terminated because of, or is
11 under investigation for (i) illegal, unethical, improper, or
12 deceptive conduct or practice, (ii) unsatisfactory perform-
13 ance, or (iii) unsatisfactory academic standards.”.

14 SEC. 302. Section 1773 of title 38, United States Code,
15 is amended to read as follows:

16 **“§ 1773. Cooperation**

17 “(a). The Administrator and each State approving
18 agency shall recognize that definite duties, functions, stand-
19 ards, and responsibilities are conferred upon the Admin-
20 istrator and each State approving agency and each nation-
21 ally recognized accrediting agency and association under
22 the educational programs established under this chapter
23 and chapters 34 and 35. In order to insure that such pro-
24 grams are effectively, honestly, and efficiently administered
25 there must be cooperation and communication between the

1 Administrator, the State approving agencies, and the na-
2 tionally recognized accrediting agencies and associations.
3 The Administrator shall establish an exchange of informa-
4 tion pertaining to activities of educational institutions, pro-
5 grams and services to eligible veterans and persons under
6 this chapter and chapters 34 and 35 of this title; particular
7 attention should be given to the enforcement of approval
8 standards, enforcement of enrollment restrictions, and fraudu-
9 lent and other criminal activities on the part of persons
10 connected with educational institutions in which eligible
11 veterans or persons are enrolled under chapter 34 or 35.
12 The Administrator shall provide such information as may
13 be necessary and appropriate to assist with the unique
14 readjustment problems and needs of persons eligible for
15 benefits under chapters 34 and 35, including information
16 regarding special services, programs, and entitlements avail-
17 able to such persons to insure correction of or prevention
18 of potential problems or abuses evolving from programs
19 administered under this chapter and chapters 34 and 35
20 of this title and to insure and enhance the effectiveness
21 of the readjustment assistance accorded to such persons.

22 “(b) The Administrator shall furnish the State ap-
23 proving agencies and nationally recognized accrediting
24 agencies and associations with copies of such informational

1 material as may aid them in carrying out chapters 34
2 and 35.

3 “(c) The Administrator shall furnish the Attorney
4 General of the United States, the Department of Defense,
5 the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, the
6 Federal Trade Commission, the Federal Communications
7 Commission, and such other Federal, State, and local agen-
8 cies, entities, or organizations with such information and
9 assistance as may be necessary to preclude abuses of or
10 enhance the effectiveness of the programs established under
11 this chapter and chapters 34 and 35 of this title. Special
12 emphasis shall be given to agencies and entities con-
13 cerned with consumer protection and consumer information
14 services.”.

15 SEC. 303. Section 1775 of title 38, United States Code,
16 is amended to read as follows:

17 “(a) A State approving agency may approve the
18 courses offered by an educational institution when—

19 “(1) such courses have been accredited and ap-
20 proved by a nationally recognized accrediting agency or
21 association;

22 “(2) such courses are conducted under sections
23 11-28 of title 20, United States Code; or

24 “(3) such courses are accepted by the State depart-

1 ment of education for credit for a teacher's certificate or
2 a teacher's degree.

3 For the purposes of this chapter the Commissioner of Edu-
4 cation shall publish a list of nationally recognized accrediting
5 agencies and associations which he determines to be reliable
6 authority as to the quality of training offered by an educa-
7 tional institution and the State approving agencies may,
8 upon concurrence, utilize the accreditation of such accrediting
9 associations or agencies for approval of courses specifically
10 accredited and approved by such accrediting association or
11 agency. In making application for approval, the institution
12 shall transmit to the State approving agency copies of its
13 catalog or bulletin certified as true, current, and correct both
14 in content and policy by an authorized school official. Such
15 catalog or bulletin shall also clearly state the institution's
16 progress requirements and standards for graduation or com-
17 pletion of a program of education.

18 “(b) As a condition to approval under this section,
19 the appropriate State approving agency must find that ade-
20 quate standards of progress are established and clearly de-
21 fined, and that adequate, accurate, complete, and timely
22 records are kept by the educational institution to show the
23 progress of each eligible person or veteran. The State ap-
24 proving agency must also find that the educational institu-

1 tion maintains a written record of previous education, train-
2 ing, and accreditable experience of the eligible person or
3 veteran and that such record clearly indicates that appro-
4 priate credit has been given by the institution for previous
5 education, training, and accreditable experience, with the
6 training period shortened proportionately and the eligible
7 person or veteran and the Administrator so notified. Such
8 written record shall be maintained in such a manner as to
9 permit the veteran or eligible person, the Administrator,
10 the appropriate State approving agency, and the appro-
11 priate nationally recognized accrediting agency or associ-
12 ation to determine accurately and timely the eligible per-
13 son's or veteran's standard or progress toward the attain-
14 ment of his or her recognized and predetermined educational,
15 vocational, technical, or professional objective, the courses
16 in programs of instruction directly relevant to attainment
17 of that objective, and those not directly required for attain-
18 ment of that objective.

19 “(c) As a further condition to approval under this
20 section, the appropriate State approving agency must find
21 that an educational institution and its programs of education
22 are in every aspect, portion, element, and division of such
23 institution (including, but not limited to, residence-corre-
24 spondence programs, contractual arrangements between pub-
25 lic and proprietary institutions, extensions or branches out-

1 side of the educational institution's principal accrediting
2 jurisdiction) is in full compliance with the appropriate pro-
3 visions of this chapter and chapters 34 and 35 of this title
4 and that such institution and its programs of education and
5 all aspects, portions, elements, or divisions thereof are ap-
6 proved by the appropriate State approving agency and
7 nationally recognized accrediting agency or association hav-
8 ing appropriate academic and territorial jurisdiction over
9 each specific aspect, portion, element or division of such
10 institution and programs of education.

11 “(d) No program of resident-correspondence training
12 offered by any instruction shall be approved unless both the
13 residence and correspondence portions of the program are
14 approved by the appropriate nationally recognized accred-
15 iting agency or association and such program is in compliance
16 with the standards and requirements set forth in section 1776
17 of this chapter and is in compliance with the standards and
18 requirements of each State approving agency within whose
19 jurisdiction such institution offers programs of education or
20 within which it has branches or extensions.”.

21 SEC. 304. Section 1776 of title 38, United States Code,
22 is amended to read as follows:

23 **“§ 1776. Approval of nonaccredited courses**

24 “(a) No course of education which has not been ap-
25 proved by a State approving agency pursuant to section

1 1775 of this title, which is offered by a public or private,
2 profit or nonprofit, educational institution shall be approved
3 for the purposes of this chapter unless the educational institu-
4 tion offering such course submits to the appropriate State
5 approving agency a written application (certified as true,
6 current, and correct in content and policy) for approval of
7 such course in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.

8 “(b) Such application shall be accompanied by not less
9 than two copies of the current catalog, bulletin, or public
10 statement which is certified as true, current, and correct in
11 content and policy by an authorized owner or official of the
12 educational institution and includes the following:

13 “(1) Identifying data, such as volume number and
14 date of publication.

15 “(2) Name of the institution and its governing
16 body, officials, and faculty.

17 “(3) Names and titles of presently and previously
18 associated institutions or corporate affiliations, govern-
19 ing body, officials, and faculty, that have been cited for
20 or involved in illegal, unethical, deceptive, or mislead-
21 ing practices or for violation of one or more provisions
22 of this title.

23 “(4) A calendar of the institution showing legal
24 holidays, beginning and ending date of each quarter,
25 term, or semester, or other important dates,

1 “(5) Institution policy and regulations on enroll-
2 ment with respect to enrollment dates.

3 “(6) Institution policy, regulations, and specific
4 entrance requirements for each program of education
5 offered by such institution including all testing, counsel-
6 ing, recruiting, and admissions policies, procedures, and
7 standards designed to determine an eligible veteran's or
8 eligible person's financial, intellectual, and physical ap-
9 titudes and abilities to successfully complete a course
10 of education and attain and maintain employment in
11 the specific predetermined and identified educational,
12 vocational, technical, or professional field that is the
13 objective of such program of education.

14 “(7) Institution policy and regulations relative to
15 leave, absences, class cuts, makeup work, tardiness, and
16 interruptions for unsatisfactory attendance.

17 “(8) Institution policy and regulations relative to
18 standards of progress required of the student by the in-
19 stitution (including defining of the grading system of
20 the institution, the minimum grades considered satis-
21 factory, conditions for interruptions for unsatisfactory
22 grades or progress), a description of the probationary
23 period, if any, allowed by the institution, conditions for
24 reentrance for those students dismissed for unsatisfac-

1 tory progress, and a statement regarding progress rec-
2 ords kept by the institution and furnished the student.

3 “(9) Institution requirements and standards for
4 graduation, including the courses in a program of edu-
5 cation directly related to the attainment of an eligible
6 person’s or veteran’s educational, vocational, technical,
7 or vocational objective and those courses not directly re-
8 quired for attainment of that objective.

9 “(10) Institution policy and regulations relating to
10 student conduct and conditions for dismissal for unsatis-
11 factory conduct.

12 “(11) A course outline for each course which ap-
13 proval is requested, showing subjects or units in the
14 course, type of work or skill to be learned, approximate
15 time and clock hours to be spent on each subject or unit,
16 and a statement of recognition or acceptance by any
17 prominent institutions, associations, agencies, and em-
18 ployers associated with the type of work or skill to be
19 learned.

20 “(12) Detailed schedules of all fees, charges for tui-
21 tion, books, supplies, tools, student activities, laboratory
22 fees, service charges, rentals, deposits, and all other
23 charges.

24 “(13) Policy and regulations of the institution re-
25 lating to the refund of the unused portion of tuition, fees,

1 and other charges in the event the student does not enter
2 the course or withdraws or is discontinued therefrom.

3 “(14) A detailed and accurate description of the
4 available space, facilities, and equipment, including any
5 and all branches or extensions of the institution or where
6 the course may be taught in full or in part.

7 “(15) Policy and regulations of the institution
8 relative to granting credit for previous education, train-
9 ing, or educational experience, including the policy,
10 regulations, and procedures for evaluation, certification,
11 or recognition of military training, education, skills,
12 and experience.

13 “(16) Accurate and detailed completion rate for
14 courses and placement rates for graduates in the specific
15 skill or work for which they were trained.

16 “(c) The appropriate State approving agency may
17 approve the application of such institution when the insti-
18 tution and its nonaccredited courses are found upon investi-
19 gation to have met the following criteria:

20 “(1) The courses, curriculum, and instruction are
21 consistent in quality, content, and length with similar
22 courses in public schools and private schools in the
23 State having recognized accepted standards.

24 “(2) There is in the institution and in each of its
25 branches or extensions, if any, adequate space, equip-

1 ment, instructional material, and instructor personnel
2 to provide training of good quality.

3 “(3) Educational and experience qualifications of
4 directors, administrators, and instructors are adequate
5 and in compliance with all applicable Federal and State
6 laws and regulations.

7 “(4) The institution maintains a written record of
8 the previous education, training, and accreditable ex-
9 perience of the eligible person or veteran and clearly
10 indicates that appropriate credit has been given by the
11 institution for previous education, training, and accred-
12 itable experience (including recognition and evaluation
13 of relevant military training and experience), with the
14 training period shortened proportionately and the eligi-
15 ble person or veteran and the Administrator so notified.

16 “(5) A copy of the course outline, schedule of tui-
17 tion, fees, and all other charges; regulations pertaining
18 to absence, grading policy, standards and requirements
19 for graduation, rules of conduct and operation, and
20 policy and regulations of the institution relative to re-
21 fund of the unused portion of tuition, fees, and all other
22 charges in the event that the eligible person does not
23 enter the course, or withdraws, or is discontinued there-
24 from, and provision for a full explanation and disclosure
25 of all financial, legal, or contractual obligations an eligi-

1 ble person or veteran would entail is furnished the eligi-
2 ble person or veteran prior to entering into any legal,
3 contractual, or financial agreement with the educational
4 institution or any of its representatives or branches or
5 extensions thereof.

6 “(6) Upon completion of training, the eligible per-
7 son or veteran is given a certificate by the institution
8 indicating the approved course and indicating that the
9 training was satisfactorily completed.

10 “(7) Adequate records as prescribed by the State
11 approving agency are kept to show attendance and prog-
12 ress or grades, and satisfactory standards relating to at-
13 tendance, progress, and conduct are enforced.

14 “(8) The institution is financially sound and capa-
15 ble of fulfilling its commitments for training.

16 “(9) The institution complies with all applicable
17 local government, State, and Federal regulations (such
18 as fire codes, and buildings and sanitation codes) at its
19 principal location and at each of such institution's
20 branches or extensions, if any, and evidence of compli-
21 ance with such regulations supplied as is deemed neces-
22 sary.

23 “(10) The institution does not utilize advertising,
24 promotions, or sales techniques of any type which are
25 erroneous, or misleading, either by actual statement,

1 omission, or intimation. The institution shall not be
2 deemed to have met this requirement until the State
3 approving agency has ascertained from the Federal
4 Trade Commission whether (A) the Commission has
5 issued an order to the institution to cease and desist from
6 any such act or practice, (B) has, if such an order has
7 been issued, given due weight to that fact, and (C) the
8 Commission has given due weight to significant com-
9 plaints or criticisms about the institution's standards, ad-
10 vertising, promotions, or sales techniques.

11 “(11) All advertising, promotion, sales techniques,
12 claims and personnel employed by or representing the
13 institution and branches or extensions thereof, if any,
14 are in compliance with all applicable State and Federal
15 licensing regulations and laws.

16 “(12) The institution does not exceed its enroll-
17 ment limitations as established by the State approving
18 agency for the institution or any branches or extensions
19 thereof.

20 “(13) The administrators, directors, owners, and
21 instructors of the institution and of the extensions and
22 branches, if any, thereof are of good reputation and
23 character.

24 “(14) The institution has and maintain a policy
25 for the refund of the unused portion of tuition, fees, and

1 other charges in the event the eligible person or veteran
 2 fails to enter the course or withdraws or is discontinued
 3 therefrom at any time prior to completion and such
 4 policy must provide that the amount charged to the eligi-
 5 ble person for tuition, fees, and other charges for a por-
 6 tion of the course shall not exceed the approximate pro
 7 rata portion of the total charges for tuition, fees, and
 8 other charges (including any enrollment or registration
 9 fee or charge in excess of \$40) that the length of the
 10 completed portion of the course bears to its total length.

11 “(15) All claims and statistics by the institution
 12 and branches or extensions thereof, if any, with regard
 13 to completion and placement rates for a specific course
 14 of education leading to employment in the specific skill
 15 or type of work learned are not false, erroneous, or
 16 misleading, either by actual statement, omission, or
 17 intimation, and the appropriate State approving agency
 18 requires such evidence of compliance as the Administra-
 19 tor deems necessary.

20 “(16) Such other criteria as may be deemed neces-
 21 sary and appropriate by the State approving agency.”.

22 SEC. 305. Section 1779 of title 38, United States Code,
 23 is amended by adding at the end thereof a new subsection
 24 as follows:

1 “(e) The Administrator, after consultation with the ap-
2 propriate State approving agency, the appropriate nation-
3 ally recognized accrediting agency or association, and with
4 the eligible persons and veterans affected, may disapprove
5 an institution or program of education approved under sec-
6 tion 1775 of this title if such institution or program fails to
7 comply with any of the appropriate provisions of this chap-
8 ter or chapters 34 and 35 of this title, or if the Adminis-
9 trator determines after such consultation that such insti-
10 tution or program of education fails to provide an effective
11 program of education or render meaningful readjustment
12 assistance pursuant to the purpose of chapter 34 or 35, as
13 the case may be, the Administrator may disapprove such
14 institution or program of education for the purpose of eligi-
15 bility for receipt of benefits under this chapter and chapters
16 34 and 35 of this title. For the purpose of making such de-
17 termination the Administrator shall use as guidelines the
18 criteria set forth for the approval of nonaccredited courses
19 in section 1776 of this title.”.

20 SEC. 306. Subsections (d) and (e) of section 1780 of
21 title 38, United States Code, are amended to read as follows:

22 “Conditional Advance Payment of Initial Educational Assist-
23 ance or Subsistence Allowance

24 “(d) (1) The conditional educational assistance or sub-
25 sistence allowance payment provided for in this section is

1 based upon the finding by the Congress that certain eligible
2 veterans and eligible persons may need additional funds at
3 the beginning of a school term to meet the expenses of books,
4 travel, deposits, and payment for living quarters, the initial
5 installment of tuition, and the other special expenses which
6 are concentrated at the beginning of a school term.

7 “(2) Subject to the provisions of this subsection, and
8 regulations which the Administrator shall prescribe, certain
9 eligible persons and eligible veterans may be paid an educa-
10 tional assistance allowance or subsistence allowance, as ap-
11 propriate conditional advance payment. Such conditional ad-
12 vance payment shall be made in an amount equivalent to
13 the allowance for the month or fraction thereof in which
14 pursuit of the program will commence, plus the allowance
15 for the succeeding month. In the case of a serviceman on
16 active duty, who is pursuing a program of education (other
17 than under subchapter VI of chapter 34), the advance pay-
18 ment shall be in a lump sum based upon the amount payable
19 for the entire quarter, semester, or term, as applicable. In
20 no event shall an advance payment be made under this sub-
21 section to a veteran or person intending to pursue a program
22 of education on less than a half time basis or when entitled
23 to accelerated educational assistance allowance payments
24 under section 1682A of this title. The application for advance

1 payment, to be made on a form prescribed by the adminis-
2 trator, shall—

3 “(A) in the case of an initial enrollment of a vet-
4 eran or person in an educational institution, contain in-
5 formation showing that the veteran or person (i) is eligi-
6 ble for educational benefits, (ii) has been accepted by
7 the institution, and (iii) has notified the institution of
8 his or her intention to attend that institution;

9 “(B) in the case of a re-enrollment of a veteran or
10 person, contain information showing that the veteran or
11 person (i) is eligible to continue his program of educa-
12 tion or training and (ii) intends to re-enroll in the same
13 institution, and

14 “(C) indicate that the veteran or eligible person
15 has specifically requested a conditional advance pay-
16 ment of initial educational assistance or subsistence al-
17 lowance under this section, that such advance payment is
18 necessary and appropriate to meet specific expenses
19 such as books, travel, payment of living quarters, initial
20 tuition installments and other special expenses that are
21 concentrated at the beginning of the school term, and
22 that such expenses shall reasonably equal or exceed the
23 amount of conditional advance payment of initial edu-
24 cational assistance or subsistence allowance to be paid
25 under this section,

1 and, in any case, shall also state the number of semester or
2 clock-hours to be pursued by such veteran or person.

3 “(3) Subject to the provisions of this subsection, and
4 under regulations which the Administrator shall prescribe, a
5 person eligible for education or training under the provisions
6 of subchapter VI of chapter 34 of this title shall be entitled
7 to a lump-sum educational assistance allowance advance pay-
8 ment. Such advance payment shall in no event be made
9 earlier than thirty days prior to the date on which pursuit of
10 the person's program of education or training is to com-
11 mence. The application for the advance payment, to be made
12 on a form prescribed by the Administrator, shall, in addition
13 to the information prescribed in paragraph (2) (A),
14 specify—

15 “(A) that the program to be pursued has been
16 approved;

17 “(B) the anticipated cost and the number of Car-
18 negie, clock, or semester hours to be pursued;

19 “(C) where the program to be pursued is other
20 than a high school credit course, the need of the person
21 to pursue the course or courses to be taken; and

22 “(D) that the institution where the program of ed-
23 ucation is to be pursued and all branches or extensions
24 thereof, if any, are in full compliance with the provisions
25 of this chapter and chapters 34 and 35 and have not

1 been cited for any illegal, unethical, or deceptive prac-
2 tices.

3 “(4) For purposes of determining eligibility for a con-
4 ditional advance payment under this section, the information
5 submitted by the institution, the veteran, or the person shall
6 be deemed to establish eligibility unless there is evidence in
7 the veteran’s or person’s file in the processing office establish-
8 ing that the veteran or person is not eligible for such advance
9 payment.

10 “(5) The conditional advance payment authorized by
11 paragraphs (2) and (3) of this subsection shall, in the case
12 of an eligible veteran or eligible person, be (A) drawn in
13 favor of the veteran or person; (B) mailed to the educa-
14 tional institution listed on the application form for temporary
15 care and delivery to the veteran or person by such institu-
16 tion; and (C) delivered to the veteran or person upon his or
17 her registration at such institution, but in no event shall such
18 delivery be made earlier than thirty days before the program
19 of education is to commence.

20 “(6) Upon delivery of the conditional advance pay-
21 ment pursuant to paragraph (5) of this subsection, the
22 institution shall submit to the Administrator certification
23 of such delivery. If such delivery is not effected within thirty
24 days after commencement of the program of education in
25 question, such institution shall at such time return such

1 payment to the Administrator. Upon receipt of such return
2 payment the Administrator shall, after satisfying himself
3 that the veteran or person is still eligible for the conditional
4 advance payment and has commenced the program of edu-
5 cation in question, transmit such payment to the eligible
6 veteran or person.

7 "Payment of Subsequent Educational Assistance or
8 Subsistence Allowance

9 "(e) Except as provided in subsection (g) of this
10 section, subsequent payments of educational assistance or
11 subsistence allowance to an eligible veteran or person shall
12 be either prepaid each month or paid at the end of each
13 month, subject to reports and proof of enrollment in, and sat-
14 isfactory pursuit of such programs as the Administrator
15 may require. A determination by the Administrator whether
16 subsequent payment of educational assistance or subsistence
17 allowance shall be prepaid or paid at the end of the month
18 shall be based upon need of the veteran or person and the
19 institution's ability to preclude abuse of a prepayment pro-
20 gram. The Administrator may withhold the final payment
21 for a period of enrollment until such proof referred to above
22 is received and the amount of the final payment is appro-
23 priately adjusted."

24 SEC. 307. Section 1780 of title 38, United States Code,
25 is further amended by adding a new subsection as follows:

1 "Rights of Appeal

2 " (i) The Administrator shall prescribe such regula-
3 tions and procedures as are necessary and appropriate to
4 insure a right of appeal in administrative proceedings in-
5 volving property loss evolving out of a decision by the
6 Administrator to terminate or modify an eligible veteran's
7 or person's educational benefits under this chapter or chap-
8 ter 34 or 35 of this title."

9 SEC. 308. The second sentence of subsection (b) of
10 section 1784 of title 38, United States Code, is amended
11 by striking out "\$3" and "\$4" and inserting in lieu thereof
12 "\$8" and "\$10", respectively.

13 SEC. 309. Section 1785 of title 38, United States Code,
14 is amended by adding at the end thereof a new sentence as
15 follows: "The Administrator shall in any instance of
16 deliberate, premeditated, or willful misconduct or illegal
17 action of a significant nature or involving a significant sum
18 of money refer the matter to the Attorney General of the
19 United States for appropriate action."

20 SEC. 310. Section 1786 of title 38, United States Code,
21 is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new
22 subsections:

23 " (d) No eligible veteran or eligible person shall be
24 permitted to enroll in a program of correspondence or
25 residence-correspondence payable under this section unless—

1 “(1) the Administrator finds such a program
2 necessary and appropriate for the pursuit of the objec-
3 tives set forth in sections 1651 and 1700 of this title;

4 “(2) such eligible veteran or eligible person is
5 advised of the appropriate educational and vocational
6 alternatives available under the provisions of chapters
7 34 and 35 of this title (especially section 1682A) to
8 a program of education by correspondence and of the
9 financial and educational disadvantages inherent in pur-
10 suing a program of instruction by correspondence under
11 this section; and

12 “(3) such eligible veteran or eligible person is
13 advised of the total cost of the program of instruc-
14 tion and of the amount and percent of that cost that
15 is the institution's profit, the completion rates for per-
16 sons entering such program of instruction, and the
17 actual portion of the program of instruction that is
18 in residence if the program of education is directly
19 claimed or inferred to be a program of education
20 involving residence training in any form.

21 “(c) In instances involving fraud, misrepresentation,
22 or illegal or improper actions by any institution or its
23 representatives under this section, the Administrator shall
24 take appropriate action against such institution and shall
25 attempt to inform eligible veterans and eligible persons

1 affected by such institution's action, of educational and
2 vocational alternatives to which they may be entitled
3 under this chapter and chapters 34 and 35, and of any
4 legal recourse to which they may be entitled.”.

5 SEC. 310. Section 1788 of title 38, United States
6 Code, is amended by adding at the end thereof a new
7 subsection as follows:

8 “(c) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections
9 (a) and (b) of this section the Administrator may, in
10 such circumstances as the Administrator deems necessary
11 or appropriate to facilitate the development or the pursuit
12 of responsible special educational programs or to insure
13 the effective utilization of benefits under this chapter and
14 chapters 34 and 35 of this title, define the measurement
15 of full- and part-time training in a manner different from
16 the manner prescribed in such subsections. Such circum-
17 stances may include, but shall not be limited to programs
18 of independent study, work experience related programs,
19 programs of instruction in which one or more courses are
20 measured under different criteria than the majority of the
21 courses in the program of education, if such course or
22 courses are necessary and appropriate for the pursuit of
23 such program of education or will fulfill an important
24 ancillary function to the objective of the principal program
25 of education.”.

1 SEC. 311. (a) Subsection (a) of section 1789 of title
2 38, United States Code, is amended by striking out "or"
3 at the end of clause (4), striking out the period at the end
4 of clause (5) and inserting in lieu thereof a semicolon and
5 the word "or", and by adding after clause (5) a new clause
6 as follows:

7 "(6) any course offered by any educational insti-
8 tution where the Administrator determines that such
9 course and the institution offering such course otherwise
10 meet all the requirements of this chapter and chapters
11 34 and 35 of this title."

12 (b) Section 1789 of such title is further amended by
13 adding at the end thereof a new subsection as follows:

14 "(c) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (a)
15 and (b), the Administrator shall not approve the enroll-
16 ment of any eligible veteran or eligible person in any course
17 offered by an educational institution when such course has
18 been in operation for less than two years if such institution
19 or any branch or extension thereof is in any way affiliated
20 with a proprietary institution or profitmaking operation
21 which affects any program of education or other service
22 provided eligible veterans and eligible persons under this
23 chapter or chapter 34 or 35 of this title unless such program
24 of education, service, and all such proprietary aspects of

1 such institution meet all the requirements of this chapter and
2 chapters 34 and 35 of this title.”.

3 SEC. 312. Section 1790 of title 38, United States Code,
4 is amended by adding at the end thereof a new subsection
5 as follows:

6 “Notification of Alternative Assistance

7 “(e) Where the Administrator disapproves any edu-
8 cational institution for the enrollment of any eligible veteran
9 or eligible person under subsection (a) or discontinues the
10 educational assistance allowance of any eligible veteran or
11 eligible person under subsection (b), the Administrator
12 shall notify any eligible veteran or eligible person affected
13 by such action of any vocational assistance alternatives
14 available to such veteran or person under the provisions
15 of this chapter and chapters 34 and 35 of this title. When
16 appropriate, the Administrator shall also notify such vet-
17 eran or person of any legal recourse which may be available
18 to such veteran or person.”.

19 SEC. 313. Section 1791 of title 38, United States Code,
20 is amended by adding at the end thereof a new subsection
21 as follows:

22 “(e) In the instance of an interruption of a program
23 of education by an eligible veteran or eligible person, or of
24 a failure to progress, the Administrator shall make such
25 efforts as are appropriate to determine if such interruption

1 or failure was due in whole or in part to problems of per-
2 sonal adjustment, and if problems of personal adjustment
3 are determined to be a factor in such veteran's or eligible
4 person's interruption or failure, the Administrator shall ad-
5 vise such veteran or person of the counseling services and
6 vocational educational and psychological assistance avail-
7 able to such veteran or person under this title."

8 SEC. 314. (a) Section 1792 of title 38, United States
9 Code, is amended to read as follows:

10 **"§ 1792. Interagency Veterans' Advisory Task Force**

11 "(a) There is established within the Veterans' Ad-
12 ministration an agency to be known as the Intefagency
13 Veterans' Advisory Task Force (hereinafter in this section
14 referred to as the 'Task Force'). The Task Force shall
15 be composed of members (one of whom shall be elected
16 Chairman by the members) appointed as follows:

17 "(1) four members from the Veterans' Admin-
18 istration appointed by the Administrator;

19 "(2) one member from the Department of Defense
20 appointed by the Secretary of Defense;

21 "(3) one member from the Department of Labor
22 appointed by the Secretary of Labor;

23 "(4) three members from the Department of
24 Health, Education, and Welfare, appointed by the Secre-
25 tary of Health, Education, and Welfare, as follows:

1 one from the Office of Education, one from the Veterans'
2 Cost of Instruction program, and one from the Na-
3 tional Institute of Mental Health;

4 “(5) one member from the Federal Bureau of In-
5 vestigation, Department of Justice, appointed by the
6 Attorney General;

7 “(6) one member from the Small Business Ad-
8 ministration appointed by the Administrator of the
9 Small Business Administration;

10 “(7) one member from the Federal Trade Com-
11 mission appointed by the Chairman of the Federal
12 Trade Commission;

13 “(8) one member from the Federal Communica-
14 tions Commission appointed by the Chairman of the
15 Federal Communications Commissions; and

16 “(9) such other members from other departments,
17 agencies, and instrumentalities of the Federal Govern-
18 ment as the President may prescribe.

19 “(b) It shall be the duty of the Task Force to—

20 “(1) advise and assist in the review of the effec-
21 tiveness, appropriateness, and coordination of all rights,
22 benefits, programs, and services authorized for veterans
23 under this title and other laws;

24 “(2) advise and assist in the development and im-
25 plementation of studies of the effectiveness and appro-

1 priateness of all laws, regulations, and programs pro-
2 vided for, or applicable to, the needs of veterans and
3 other eligible persons;

4 “(3) assist and advise in the monitoring and
5 evaluation and preclusion of abuses of veterans’ re-
6 adjustment assistance programs administered in whole
7 or in part by State or local government, including,
8 but not limited to, such programs as the Comprehen-
9 sive Employment and Training Act and the Veterans’
10 Cost of Instruction program;

11 “(4) assist and advise in the investigation of pat-
12 terns of allegations indicating that veterans are being
13 denied rights, benefits, or assistance authorized by law
14 or that such rights, benefits, or assistance are not
15 being appropriately or effectively administered or
16 implemented;

17 “(5) advise and assist in the appraisal of the ade-
18 quacy and equitability of the laws, appropriations, and
19 policies of the Federal Government with respect to
20 meeting the needs of veterans to readjust to civilian
21 life and compensating them for the losses attributable
22 directly or indirectly to their service in the Armed
23 Forces, and to make recommendations and assist in
24 the development of such program or drafting of such
25 legislation as may be necessary and appropriate to

1 improve the adequacy, equitability, effectiveness of such
2 laws, appropriations, and policies and to preclude abuse
3 or misuse of programs where indicated;

4 “(6) serve as a national clearinghouse and dissemi-
5 nation center for information and assistance relating to
6 (A) the needs, problems, and potentials of veterans,
7 (B) the preclusion of abuse and misuse of assistance
8 programs, benefits, services, and rights of veterans, and
9 (C) the resources available and required to meet such
10 needs, solve such problems, and preclude such abuses;

11 “(7) serve as an advocate for the correction of
12 problems and preclusion of abuses and for the full and
13 effective implementation and coordination of laws, pro-
14 grams, and services for veterans;

15 “(8) assist and advise in cooperation and consul-
16 tation with educational and training institutions, agen-
17 cies, and associations in the development of effective
18 standards of progress for various readjustment assistance
19 programs and in the development of unique or special
20 readjustment, educational, or training programs for
21 veterans;

22 “(9) assist and advise in the development and
23 execution of such studies and research as may be neces-
24 sary and appropriate to determine the readjustment
25 problems and needs of post-Vietnam era veterans;

1 “(10) advise and assist in the development, coordi-
2 nation, and implementation of such programs and serv-
3 ices as are necessary and appropriate to facilitate the
4 readjustment needs of veterans and their dependents,
5 including, but not limited to—

6 “(A) the development, implementation, and
7 coordination of special readjustment educational pro-
8 grams for veterans and dependents; and

9 “(B) the development, implementation, and
10 coordination of such personal adjustment counseling
11 and services and appropriate psychological and
12 marital counseling services as may be appropriate
13 to insure effective readjustment and pursuit of pro-
14 grams of education under this chapter and chapters
15 34 and 35.

16 “(c) There is established within the Task Force a sec-
17 tion on enforcement and implementation of laws, directives,
18 and regulations relevant to the needs, programs, services,
19 and policies authorized under this title. Such section shall
20 have as its responsibilities—

21 “(1) the coordination of implementation of laws
22 and regulations governing assistance programs for vet-
23 erans and eligible persons;

24 “(2) the investigation of abuses, complaints, or
25 violations of laws, regulations, directives, programs, and

1 services relevant to the needs of veterans and depend-
2 ents within the jurisdiction of the Task force;

3 “(3) to advise and assist in the development and
4 implementation of such information and education pro-
5 grams as are necessary and appropriate to insure the ef-
6 fective implementation and preclusion of abuse of vet-
7 erans assistance programs;

8 “(4) to advise and assist as necessary and appro-
9 priate in the research, investigation, preparation, con-
10 sultation, and prosecution of individuals, institutions, or
11 instrumentalities allegedly violating or misusing the
12 laws, regulations, benefits, services, or programs rele-
13 vant to veterans and dependents;

14 “(5) to advise and assist in the development of
15 such consumer information and protection programs as
16 are necessary and appropriate to insure the protection
17 of persons eligible for veteran's and dependent's benefits
18 and services and to assist such persons in knowledgeably
19 using such benefits and services;

20 “(6) to advise and assist in the development of
21 such programs, information, and services, as is deemed
22 necessary and appropriate to assist eligible veterans and
23 dependents affected by illegal, unethical, deceptive, mis-
24 leading, or improper violations or misrepresentations of

benefits, regulations, laws, services, or programs affecting veterans and dependents to seek legal recourse; and

“(7) such other duties, functions, and responsibilities as the Administrator and the Task Force deems necessary and appropriate.

“(d) There is established within the Task Force a section on the evaluation, recognition, utilization, and accreditation of military training, service, education, and experience. Such section shall have as its responsibilities—

“(1) to promote and encourage, in cooperation and conjunction with the Jobs for Veterans Interagency Advisory Committee, public and private efforts to (A) publicize, utilize, and recognize the skills, experience, training maturity, and leadership ability of veterans, and (B) promote employment and the utilization of readjustment education and training benefits and assistance consistent with the abilities of veterans;

“(2) to advise and assist in the coordination and utilization of readjustment services, benefits, and programs, especially the education and training assistance accorded under chapters 34 and 36 of this title, to insure that the readjustment assistance accorded veterans and their dependents will help achieve meaningful and productive careers;

1 “(3) to advise and assist, with the assistance
2 and cooperation of all departments, agencies, and in-
3 strumentalities of the Federal Government concerned,
4 the incorporation of relevant military training and ex-
5 perience into union apprenticeship and training
6 programs;

7 “(4) to advise and assist in the development of
8 any transition training program or course instituted
9 by the Armed Forces to augment the military training
10 and experience of active duty personnel and to assist
11 such personnel to meet employment or union appren-
12 ticeship standards after their release from active duty;

13 “(5) to develop training and employment pro-
14 grams in cooperation with private industry to recog-
15 nize and utilize the skills of veterans (acquired through
16 readjustment assistance) as well as the leadership
17 abilities and other assets possessed by veterans;

18 “(6) to work in cooperation and consultation
19 with educational and training institutions to evaluate
20 (and, where appropriate, grant academic accreditation
21 or other appropriate recognition for) the special edu-
22 cation and training given to members of the Armed
23 Forces, including, but not limited to, training received
24 under the general educational development program,
25 the college level examination program, Project Ahead,

1 and courses given by the United States Armed Forces
2 Institute;

3 “(7) to advise and assist in the revision, expansion,
4 sion, and improvement of the guide to the evaluation
5 of educational experience in the Armed Forces
6 program;

7 “(8) to promote the development of programs
8 under which employers and employment agencies will
9 evaluate and give appropriate recognition to military
10 occupational specialties;

11 “(9) to promote the incorporation of medical
12 training and experience received in the Armed Forces
13 into civilian health service training and employment
14 programs; and

15 “(10) to perform such other duties and functions
16 as are necessary and appropriate, consistent with the
17 purpose of this section.

18 “(c) (1) There shall be established an Interagency
19 Veterans’ Advisory Task Force Advisory Committee (here-
20 inafter referred to as the “Advisory Committee”) formed by
21 the Administrator which shall be composed of persons who
22 are eminent in their respective fields of education, labor,
23 management, consumer protection, law enforcement, and
24 representatives of the various types of institutions and estab-
25 lishments furnishing services or programs under this title.

1 The Advisory Committee shall also include veterans' repre-
2 sentatives of the various wars and eras and veterans' service
3 organizations as well as nonaffiliated veterans. Special
4 emphasis shall be placed upon the inclusion and participa-
5 tion of veterans receiving or requiring readjustment assist-
6 ance resulting from service in the Armed Forces.

7 “(2) The Advisory Committee shall assist and advise
8 the Administrator and the agencies, departments, and in-
9 strumentalities of the Federal Government in carrying out
10 the functions, duties, and responsibilities of the Task Force.
11 Members of the Advisory Committee and affected parties
12 shall be consulted with regard to any and all matters affect-
13 ing their specific areas of interest or jurisdiction.

14 “(f) Pursuant to the authority vested in the Adminis-
15 trator under section 3311, the Task Force and the sections
16 established thereunder shall have the power to issue sub-
17 penas for and compel the attendance of witnesses within a
18 radius of one hundred miles from the place of hearing, to
19 require the production of books, papers, documents, and
20 other evidence, to take affidavits, to administer oaths and
21 affirmations, to aid in the preparation and presentation of
22 litigation, and to conduct investigations and examine wit-
23 nesses upon any matter within the jurisdiction of the Task
24 Force.

25 “(g) (1) The Task Force shall submit a report to the

1 President and to the Congress setting forth its actions, ac-
2 complishments, recommendations, and findings at such in-
3 tervals as it shall determine: *Provided, however,* That the
4 initial report shall be submitted not later than six months
5 after the establishment of the Task Force, and thereafter
6 reports shall be submitted at least annually. Such report
7 shall include any recommendations for legislative, regulatory,
8 or legal action necessary and appropriate to (A) carry out
9 the functions of this title, and such other veterans' services
10 and programs within the jurisdiction of the Task Force as
11 the Task Force deems appropriate, (B) preclude abuse of
12 services, benefits, and programs for veterans and their de-
13 pendants, and (C) insure the effective implementation of
14 such chapters and programs.

15 “(2) The Task Force shall report to the Congress
16 within one year after the date of enactment of this section
17 with respect to the findings and recommendation of the Task
18 Force for post-Vietnam era readjustment assistance pro-
19 grams, including recommendations for the desirability of con-
20 tinuing or modifying the programs established under chapter
21 32 of this title.”.

22 (b) The table of sections at the beginning of chapter 36
23 of such title is amended by striking out

“1792. Advisory committee.”

24 and inserting in lieu thereof:

"1792. Interagency Veterans' Advisory Task Force; Interagency Veterans' Advisory Task Force Advisory Committee."

1 SEC. 315. (a) Subsection (a) of section 1798 of title
2 38, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

3 "(a) Each eligible veteran, eligible peacetime post-
4 Korean veteran, and eligible person shall be entitled to a
5 loan under this subchapter in an amount determined under,
6 and subject to the conditions specified in, subsection (b) (1)
7 of this section if the veteran or person satisfies the require-
8 ments set forth in subsection (c) of this section."

9 (b) Subsection (b) (3) of such section is amended to
10 read as follows:

11 "(3) The aggregate of the amounts any veteran or
12 person may borrow under this subchapter may not exceed
13 (A) \$292 for an eligible veteran or eligible person with no
14 dependents, \$347 for an eligible veteran or eligible person
15 with one dependent, \$396 for an eligible veteran or eligible
16 person with two dependents, plus \$24 for each additional
17 dependent in excess of two, multiplied by the number of
18 months such veteran or person is entitled to receive educa-
19 tional assistance under section 1661 or subchapter II of
20 chapter 35, respectively, of this title, or (B) \$2,628 for a
21 veteran with no dependents, \$3,123 for a veteran with one
22 dependent, \$3,564 for a veteran with two dependents, plus
23 an additional \$216 for each dependent in excess of two, in

1 any one academic year or the equivalent thereof, in the
2 case of an eligible peacetime post-Korean veteran for the
3 time necessary to complete such veteran's initial education
4 and training objective.”.

5 TITLE IV—MISCELLANEOUS VETERANS

6 PROGRAM AMENDMENTS

7 SEC. 401. Section 3103 of title 38, United States Code,
8 is amended by adding at the end thereof a new subsection as
9 follows:

10 “(e) The Administrator shall consult with the Secre-
11 taries of the various military departments to ascertain cur-
12 rent policies, procedures, standards, and criteria for the
13 issuance, review, and upgrading of other than honorable dis-
14 charges and adjust the adjudication criteria of the Veterans’
15 Administration to reflect such policies, procedures, stand-
16 ards, and criteria of such military departments. Under no cir-
17 cumstances shall the policies, procedures, standards, and cri-
18 teria utilized by the Veterans’ Administration to determine
19 eligibility for veterans benefits for ex-servicemen with other
20 than honorable discharges be less lenient or more restrictive
21 than the current policies, procedures, standards, and criteria
22 used by the various military departments in the review and
23 upgrading of other than honorable discharges under the pro-
24 visions of section 1553 of title 10. The Administrator shall

1 conduct a review of the Veterans' Administration's adjudication policies governing eligibility for veteran benefits for
2 persons issued other than honorable discharges and report to
3 Congress within sixty days of the changes instituted, if any,
4 by the Veterans' Administration to bring their adjudication
5 policies, procedures, standards, and criteria in compliance
6 with the provisions of this subsection.”.

8 SEC. 402. Section 3402 of title 38, United States Code,
9 is amended to read as follows:

10 “(a) (1) The Administrator may recognize repre-
11 sentatives of the American National Red Cross, the Ameri-
12 can Legion, the Disabled American Veterans, the United
13 Spanish War Veterans, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and
14 such other national, State, or local organizations, including
15 veterans self-help group organizations and such other or-
16 ganizations as the Administrator may approve, in the prep-
17 aration, presentation, and prosecution of claims under the
18 laws administered by the Veterans' Administration. Recog-
19 nition under this section shall be subject to the criteria speci-
20 fied in sections 3403 and 3404 of this title relating to the
21 recognition of individuals, agents, and attorneys.

22 “(2) The Administrator may, in his discretion, furnish,
23 if available, space and office facilities for the use of national
24 organizations so recognized. Space and office facilities may
25 be provided to other State and local organizations, veterans

1 self-help, group organizations and other organizations if such
 2 space is available and its provision is deemed necessary and
 3 appropriate. Under no circumstance shall the availability
 4 of office space and facilities be a prerequisite or a factor for
 5 an organization's right to recognition to prepare, present,
 6 represent, or prosecute claims under the laws administered
 7 by the Veterans' Administration."

8 TITLE V—EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING OF DIS-
 9 ABLED AND VIETNAM-ERA VETERANS

10 SEC. 501. Section 2 of the Act of April 17, 1946, as
 11 amended (29 U.S.C. 553), is amended by—

12 (1) striking out "five" in the first sentence of
 13 such section and inserting in lieu thereof "six"; and

14 (2) adding at the end thereof a new sentence as
 15 follows: "One of such Assistant Secretaries shall be an
 16 Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans' Employ-
 17 ment."

18 SEC. 502. There is hereby created within the Depart-
 19 ment of Labor a separate agency to be known as the Vet-
 20 erans' Employment Service which shall be headed by the
 21 Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans' Employment.
 22 Such Service shall be responsible for carrying out the policies
 23 and purposes of chapters 41, 42, and 43 of title 38, United
 24 States Code, and such other functions as may be required
 25 by law or regulation.

1 SEC. 503. Paragraph (20) of section 5315 of title 5,
 2 United States Code, is amended by striking out "(5)" and
 3 inserting in lieu thereof "(6)".

4 SEC. 504. Paragraph (2) of section 2011 of title 38,
 5 United States Code, is amended by striking out "(A)"
 6 and by striking out ", and (B) who was so discharged or
 7 released within forty-eight months preceding his applica-
 8 tion for employment covered under this chapter".

9 TITLE VI—VETERANS' ADMINISTRATION:
 10 MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS

11 SEC. 601. Section 220 of title 38, United States Code,
 12 is amended by inserting "(a)" before "The" and by adding
 13 at the end of such section a new subsection as follows:

14 "(b) The Administrator shall seek to achieve the max-
 15 imum feasible effectiveness, coordination, and interrelation
 16 of services, agencies' programs, and activities for the purpose
 17 of (1) assisting veterans whose educational benefits have
 18 ended because of the expiration of the period for using such
 19 entitlement to obtain alternative means of completing their
 20 education and training, (2) assisting and informing persons
 21 eligible to pursue a program of accelerated entitlement under
 22 the provisions of 1682A of this title, (3) carrying out the
 23 duties and functions of the Interagency Veterans Readjust-
 24 ment Advisory Task Force established under section 1792
 25 of this title."

1 SEC. 602. Subsection (a) of section 240 of title 38,
2 United States Code, is amended by adding a new sentence
3 at the end thereof to read as follows: "The Congress further
4 declares that the provisions of this title providing for a con-
5 ditional extension of the delimiting period applicable to
6 certain Vietnam era veterans, the alternative educational
7 and financial alternatives available to eligible peacetime post
8 Korean veterans, and the acceleration of educational assist-
9 ance allowance payments make it imperative that the Ad-
10 ministrator expeditiously initiate a comprehensive outreach
11 and information program to inform and assist eligible veter-
12 ans and eligible persons to understand and utilize such
13 programs."

14 SEC. 603. Section 241 of title 38, United States Code,
15 is amended by inserting "(a)" before "The" and by add-
16 ing at the end of such section a new subsection as follows:

17 "(b) The Administrator shall, to the maximum extent
18 possible, inform veterans and eligible persons affected by
19 the expiration of their delimiting period under section 1662,
20 of the program for accelerated entitlement payments under
21 section 1682A and of the programs, services, opportunities,
22 and alternatives available to them."

23 SEC. 604. Subsection (a) (3) of section 243 of title 38,
24 United States Code, is amended by striking out "and" at
25 the end of clause (G); by striking out the period at the

1 end of clause (H) and inserting in lieu thereof a semicolon
2 and the word "and"; and by adding at the end of such sub-
3 section the following new clauses:

4 “(I) assist veterans whose educational benefits
5 have ended because of the expiration of the period
6 for using such benefits to obtain such assistance as
7 is necessary and appropriate to enable them to com-
8 plete their education and training;

9 “(J) assist in the counseling, development,
10 planning, processing, and eligibility determination
11 of persons receiving or eligible to receive accelera-
12 tion of educational assistance allowance payments
13 under section 1682A of this title;

14 “(K) assist in the development and imple-
15 mentation of alternative readjustment assistance pro-
16 grams for post Vietnam era veterans; and

17 “(L) insure that the programs established
18 under chapters 34, 35, and 36 of this title are prop-
19 erly and effectively implemented and are not sub-
20 ject to abuse, illegalities, improprieties, or misuse.”.

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A BILL

To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide counseling for certain veterans; to permit acceleration of monthly educational assistance payments to eligible veterans and dependents; to revise the criteria for nonaccredited courses; to provide alternative financial and educational assistance to peace-time post-Korean veterans affected by the expiration of their delimiting period; to provide for a conditional extension of the delimiting period for certain Vietnam era veterans; to provide for the development of additional educational, employment, and adjustment assistance programs for veterans; to provide for the correction and preclusion of, and protection against, abuses and misuse of veterans benefits; and to otherwise enhance and improve the effectiveness, integrity, and utilization of veterans readjustment assistance programs.

By Mr. WOLFF

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